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In re Application of: : **PATENT APPLICATION**

Nisha Shukla et al. : PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT LAYER

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD**  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated September 10, 2003 in which the Examiner has finally rejected claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-14, 16-17 and 19-21.



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